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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10TH 1909.

NOTWITHSTANDING all the study and research devoted in the last ten or fifteen years to the etiology of plague, we are still without a satisfactory explanation of the origin of the epidemics which from time to time occur in places wide apart. Plague at the present time appears to be epidemic at Kobe in Japan, and at Hankow in the Yangtze, while every other port in the Far East, including Hongkong, seem to be absolutely free of the dread disease. How did the epidemics in these places originate? How was it introduced into Hongkong fifteen years ago? Nobody can with certainty tell us; but here, as everywhere else, the experts give us what little consolation is to be found in the suggestion that "it must have been introduced from some other place." At a Medical Congress held at Bombay recently a paper was read suggesting preventive measures that should be adopted in docks and on board ship to prevent the carriage of plague by sea. The author of this paper was Dr. BLACKMORE, formerly assistant to the Port Health Officer of Bombay. He insisted that the rat is undoubtedly the essential factor in the carriage of plague by sea, and urged that if the transmission of plague is to be prevented some means must be devised of either preventing rats from gaining access to ships in infected ports, or the rats must be destroyed on board the ship after it has left such ports, for, in Dr. BLACKMORE's opinion "the destruction of rats is the one measure of supreme importance, and the docks of infected

countries are the places in which it should be most systematically carried out." There is one observation in the Doctor's paper which will give rise to some interesting reflections. It is this—"Bombay is at the present time, and has been for some years, the great plague-distributing centre of the world, and it is here that the greatest activity should be displayed in destroying the known carrier of plague. I regret to say that up to the present no attempt of any kind in this direction to limit the spread of plague has been made." It should, at once be said that this statement stands in need of correction, so far, at least, as the last sentence of it is concerned. Dr. BLACKMORE's knowledge on this point apparently did not extend to what has been done at Bombay since he left the service three years ago. According to the Health Officer of Bombay, who took part in the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, all ships in Bombay are now kept three feet off the dock wall by means of specially-constructed fenders that ropes and hawsers are protected by metal discs of an approved type, and the gangways when down are freshly tarred.

The Sanitary Authority offers to free all ships of rats, cockroaches, &c., by means of sulphur dioxide gas generated in a Clayton apparatus which is capable of saturating 250,000 cubic-feet of space per hour with a germicidal or virus-destroying gas. All plague-infected ships have to be Claytonised before they can obtain a Bill of Health, and all pilgrim ships have to be free from rats by the same process before pilgrims are taken on board.

In the Port of Bombay the Claytonising of ships is done free of charge with the exception that the sulphur required for the process has to be provided by the ship. All this has been done only in the last three years, but, according to Dr. BLACKMORE's dictum, Bombay has been for some years the great plague-distributing centre of the world, and if that is so it strikes us as exceedingly strange that Colombo, Penang, Singapore and many other ports in the East, to say nothing of the ports to the West, which are in frequent steamship communication with Bombay, should have enjoyed absolute immunity from the scourge all these years. But, though Bombay, down to a comparatively recent date, may have done nothing to prevent communication by sea between ship and shore, the health authorities there have for a decade or more been at great pains to thoroughly disinfect the clothing of certain people going by sea.

Dr. BLACKMORE considers the method of "carriage" in Bombay to be so efficient that surprisingly few cases of plague have ever been allowed to leave the port. He also considers that the danger of the carriage of plague over-sea, by means of fleas, is so remote that it is questionable whether it is necessary to take any steps to prevent it. As an Indian contemporary remarks, the official subscription to his opinion would mean the cessation of the enormous disinfection arrangements that now take place in Bombay, where the clothing of many persons going out of India is submitted to severe treatment in order to destroy germs as well as fleas. Dr.

BLACKMORE admits that no cause of infection from India traceable to clothing has ever been traced to another country, but he denies that disinfection is responsible for this, holding that this is proved by the well-known fact that the clothing of saloon passengers, whether European or native, and of all officers or engineers, whether European or native, are exempted from disinfection, although the native officer and the native sailor, when they land in Bombay, very frequently live in the same parts of the town and under very similar conditions. In Dr. BLACKMORE's view, "the one essential measure—and the one so strangely neglected in India—is the destruction of rats in the docks of infected countries on board vessels sailing from those countries, and in the docks of uninfected countries in which such vessels are to be ultimately berthed." The attempt to prevent rats from passing on to ships lying alongside wharves or dock walls must, he thinks, be confessed to have failed, and it is difficult, he says, to conceive of any really effectual measure which would at the same time allow the ordinary loading and unloading work to be carried on unhampered. Even if rats could be prevented from passing on board themselves a certain number would be carried on board in cargo and baggage. If, however, there were no rats in the docks, none could gain access to the ships excepting the few that might be in articles of cargo. There can then, he concludes, be no doubt whatever that even if measures are not taken to free infected ports of rats, at least

every effort should be made to rid the docks of them, and with properly organised, persistent and systematic efforts, the attempt should meet with such a measure of success as to render the exportation of plague very improbable. The only comment we have to make on this is that, if we accept the theory that plague is carried from one port to another by means of rats on board ships, is it not very extraordinary that we have heard so little of plague among the crews of ships trading with Bombay, and is it not also strange that the plague germ has not been found in every port at which a Bombay steamer calls?

Eighteen eminents have been discharged by the Empress Dowager for interfering in important affairs in the Palace.

For sealing the brass hinges off a private rishas, Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday sentenced a coolie to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

A native who returned from banishment for the third time, on being charged before Mr. E. R. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

Prince Ching has been requested to consult with the British Minister to have the term for putting an end to the opium trade reduced on account of the fact that poppy cultivation in China has been thoroughly prohibited.

The concluding stop in respect to opium houses in the Settlement of Shanghai, that is to say, the closing of the last remaining quarter of the houses, will take place as pre-arranged on December 31. It has been therefore decided to issue a notification, drawing attention to the fact as a warning to the concerned.

"The Chefoo Post in its Dairen Notes says—Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Shanghai, will in a few days take over their local interests from the hands of Messrs. Cornforth, Eckford & Co., and intend to open a branch office here next door to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's under the charge of Mr. E. U. Reid.

The Board of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce at Peking propose to establish a Government Tea Factory in Hankow on the same lines as those of the Russians. It is also intended to float a tea company with a view to recovering the business from the foreigners. Officials have been appointed to make enquiries and a scheme will be drawn up on their report and submitted to the Throne for approval.

Readers who have not yet replied to The Times Book Club's special offer are reminded that the list closes to-day. Orders and remittances should be sent at once to The Times Book Club, o/o Shewan, Tomes & Co. The no cash prices, carriage free are—Chambers' Encyclopaedia, Half-morocco, 71/-; cloth, 54/-; Chambers' Encyclopaedia and Punch Cartoons, Half-morocco, \$84/- cloth \$58.50.

Japan papers announce the death in France of Mr. R. D. Robison, formerly of Yokohama. Mr. Robison had been ill for a long time, and the end was not altogether unexpected. Mr. Robison came to Japan in the early days, and was a leading figure amongst the foreign community of Yokohama until he retired, some six or seven years ago. He was a partner in the silk firm of Robison and Wilkin, established in Yokohama about 1864, the business of which was taken over some time ago by Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. From 1896 to 1898 Mr. Robison was Chairman of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce (now known as the Foreign Board of Trade), and was greatly respected and liked by all who knew him.

The "At Home" given by the Consul for Portugal and Mrs. Leiria at their residence yesterday as a farewell to General Sir Joschim Machado, K.C.M.G., was attended by several hundred residents, the "At Home" lasting from 4 to 8 p.m. Dancing was included in the programme, and a very pleasant time was spent. General Machado, with his secretary, Captain Norton, leaves for Shanghai en route to Peking to-day. There is no present intention, we understand, to resume at Peking the negotiations for the delimitation of the boundaries at Macao, which were recently interrupted, and there is no official confirmation of the report which appeared in the Chinese Press that the Chinese Government has agreed to a reference of the dispute to The Hague Tribunal. Arbitration General Machado expects to soon return to Hongkong en route for Lisbon. The General was last night entertained by the Portuguese community at the Club Ilustre, and presented with an illuminated address.

Dr. J. C. Thomson on Wednesday evening was the recipient of an illuminated and framed Address from the congregation of Union Church which acknowledged the services he had rendered to the Church during his residence in Hongkong. The following is an extract from the Address:—"As a regular and reverent worshipper your attendance has been exemplary. The Sunday School profited greatly by your Superintendence—the teaching of Hymns especially promoting a ministry to home life. The Session has uniformly associated wise counsel with your faithful Eldership. For many years your services as Honorary Secretary of the Church have been noted for their courage, urbanity, openness of mind, unshaking attention to detail and for phenomenal promptness of despatch. In the Trusteeship of the Church, on the Committee of Management, in connection with the Literary Club, and in numerous incidental enterprises you have given your time unsparingly and your interest with thoughtful painstaking." The Address was presented at a social gathering by Mr. W. G. Humphreys.

Mr. A. P. Wilder, U. S. Consul General at Shanghai, who has been home on leave, returned last week by the steamer Korea. He was met at the jetty by Mr. R. Dowey, Acting Consul General, and a number of American residents who extended a hearty welcome to the returning official. Mrs. Wilder will arrive in Shanghai in the course of the next couple of months.

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The case in which Lam Fuk Chiu is charged with obtaining the sum of \$24,000 from Mr. John Hastings by false pretences was again called in Mr. Wood's Court at the Magistracy yesterday, when Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared to apply for the discharge of the defendant, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, represented the Crown.

Mr. Bowley informed the Court that there appeared to be a certain amount of misunderstanding in the case, and he believed that Sergeant Grant brought the man before the Court on the previous morning. The speaker should have been communicated with before the man appeared before his Worship, and then he would have attended. But he was not communicated with, and knew nothing about the case until late on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Shenton acted under a mistaken view of the position in communicating with Messrs. Hastings and Hastings.

His Worship—I asked him to.

Mr. Bowley—Your Worship did not understand the position. The fault lay in the police not communicating with me.

His Worship—You are representing Mr. Hastings in this prosecution?

Mr. Bowley—No, I am representing the King.

His Worship—I will put your name in place of Mr. Hastings on the record.

Mr. Bowley—The King is prosecutor, and I appear as his attorney. The fact that Mr. John Hastings' name is on the record is due to the accidental fact that Mr. John Hastings in the first instance wrote the information on which the warrant was issued. Having laid the information and brought the matter before the Court, he has nothing further to do with the proceedings if those proceedings are adopted by the Crown, as they have been in this case. As your Worship knows very well, a warrant may be issued on the information of any person. This is an indictable offence, and a very serious offence, with which the defendant is charged, and the informant is not the prosecutor.

His Worship—Mr. Hastings is the informant?

Mr. Bowley—Yes.

His Worship—The question I want to get at is, who is the prosecutor?

Mr. Bowley—The King, your Worship, and I represent him. The Crown can intervene in any prosecution being conducted by a private person and adopt it. I submit that these proceedings are perfectly regular. The man is before your Worship, and I ask you to remand him to gaol for a reasonable time, subject to any application being made for bail.

His Worship asked if Mr. Davidson (who was present) was representing Mr. Hastings.

Mr. Bowley said Mr. Davidson was one of the most important witnesses in the case. The question arose out of a forged mortgage, and a large number of persons were implicated. As it happened, the forged mortgage was put through by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, and Mr. Davidson was the solicitor who attended to the completion of it. He submitted that Mr. John Hastings was not entitled to be represented in the matter now, as he (the Crown Solicitor) had taken it over. Mr. Hastings was only entitled to engage any qualified person to watch the proceedings on his behalf, and Mr. Davidson, he took it, was present for that purpose.

His Worship—I understand Mr. Hastings is not represented here?

Mr. Bowley—No.

Mr. Shenton—This was a private prosecution by Mr. John Hastings.

Mr. Bowley—I don't admit anything of the sort. This prosecution was instituted by the police under the directions of the Government. Mr. Shenton drew his Worship's attention to Ordinance No. 3 of 1890, section 14, subsection 2, and contended that the complainant or informant must appear. Unless he did, his Worship must dismiss the charge. It was perfectly open to Mr. Bowley to lay an information on behalf of the Crown, but certainly the informant or complainant must appear.

His Worship—Mr. Hastings is not before me now.

Mr. Shenton—Not now.

His Worship—Therefore, Mr. Hastings' absence does not affect the matter.

Mr. Shenton—But the record must be altered.

His Worship—The question is, what alteration am I to make? Mr. Bowley suggests that the alteration should be the King, represented by the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Bowley—I don't suggest anything of the sort. The section my friend read does not refer to indictable proceedings at all. It must be read in a reasonable way, and it would be utterly unreasonable for your Worship to read this provision about the complainant not appearing in cases where the Crown prosecutes. I think the correct way of reading it is that the Crown is complainant, but if your Worship will strike out the name of Mr. Hastings I do not mind whose name you insert. I appear as attorney for the King, not as complainant or informant.

His Worship—The point is whether it is regular for the King to appear.

Mr. Shenton—The King never does demand himself to prosecute his own subjects.

Mr. Bowley—He is always represented by his attorney. I submit those objections are moonshiny and perfectly frivolous, and in order to save time you can enter anyone you like as complainant.

His Worship—I will enter your name as complainant.

Mr. Bowley—As your Worship pleases.

His Worship—I will amend the record by substituting Mr. Bowley's name.

Mr. Bowley—The Crown Solicitor; if your Worship pleases.

His Worship—Your personal name.

Mr. Bowley—No, your Worship. I appear as Crown Solicitor, not as Mr. Bowley. The information should be in the same way as it is given at the Supreme Court, "The Court is informed by the Attorney-General on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King," and should not contain a personal name.

His Worship—That is always done at the Police Court.

Mr. Bowley—in the course of my experience at the Police Court, which extends over a considerable period, I have never seen the name of the Crown Solicitor appearing.

His Worship—Whoever prosecutes, prosecutes in a personal capacity.

Mr. Bowley—I prosecute in my official capacity.

His Worship—The difficulty is that the King is not appeared by anybody.

Mr. Bowley—He is appeared by himself, if your Worship pleases.

Mr. Shenton—The section says that the informant or complainant must appear before the Court.

His Worship—Section 14 (2) clearly gives me power to put this man back in jail.

Mr. Shenton—Only temporarily.

His Worship—I am not clear on the point whether the prosecutor must appear or not.

Mr. Bowley—I ask your Worship to remand the prisoner, and in due course to take the evidence I tender on behalf of the King. I demand that as a right, and I submit that the Crown is entitled to a little consideration in these matters.

His Worship—I will hear the application to-morrow. What time will suit you, Mr. Bowley?

Mr. Bowley—No time to-morrow. I am engaged all day.

His Worship—I will remand this application until 11.30 to-morrow morning.

Mr. Bowley—What application?

His Worship—to consider the discharge of the man on the ground that the Klug is not appearing or represented in his own name, or that the prosecutor is not appearing.

Mr. Bowley—The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

STAMP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks" be recommitted for a certain verbal alteration.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901."

In doing so he said—The Bill proposes to amend the Stamp Ordinance, Clause 1 to 3 are designed by the imposition of penalties in respect of delayed applications, to induce interested parties to make early application for protection of the estate of deceased persons to prevent evasion of duties. Clause 4 relates to the stamping on a conveyance or assignment on sale and incorporates section 55 of the Imperial Act of 1911.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, in seconding the motion, I would add that the evasions of probate are so frequent and inconvenient that it has been deemed necessary to impose an extra probate duty in order to curtail what I may call this dishonest practice.

The motion was carried, and Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 2.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—Is the period "within six months after the discovery" agreed upon by those in a position to know whether it is a satisfactory period?

The COLONIAL TREASURER—Six months is a very long time after discovery.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—if there is a reasonable excuse, the penalty would not be attached.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Reasonable excuse is provided for in 20 (a).

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The COLONIAL TREASURER—How could you compare the United Kingdom to Hongkong?

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Singapore and Shanghai have very big markets of stocks unsaleable in Hongkong.

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stock is capable of being sold here.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—And Shanghai stock is capable of being sold here.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—The Home Act says "marketable in the United Kingdom."

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—You could not sell Consols in Hongkong.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—Put down the word Hongkong. This is a Hongkong law.

The other is a law of the United Kingdom.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—Then if marketable security is not negotiable in Hongkong you don't get probate on it.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—No.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—I should like to understand that, sir. On shares in companies here sold in Shanghai you don't claim probate, is that

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## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

The following were present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir FREDERICK C. R. LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.R., D.S.O.

Hon. Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. F. A. HAENLAND (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BADLEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWETT.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

Mr. C. CLLEMENT (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 55 and 56), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 19), and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee, and explained the various instances in which a jury had been refused in recent times. He also made some very definite objections, which, in his view, were opposed to the change contemplated. I sent his letter to the British members of the Chamber of Commerce and they replied in the following terms to me: "The principal reason that has led the British members of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously to support the proposed Bill is that from all quarters they have received indications leading them to the conclusion that the public of this Colony consider it of vital importance to their interests that a jury should be obtainable if applied for by either party to a suit."

They said that they had again considered the matter by the light of the arguments of the Chief Justice and that they were still unanimously of opinion that the law should be changed as proposed. I referred the question also to the Hongkong Law Society, who supported the proposed change in the law, and I may add that the Hon. Mr. Pollock, who is a legal unofficial member of this Council and who is not present here to-day to state his view, was strongly in favour of this change. There must, of course, in any alteration of a law so important a point be several dissentients in so large a community as this, and I have received a statement of objections from a leading barrister in this Colony and I believe that one or two unofficial members also intend to oppose the motion. The only reason why this Bill is introduced into the Council is because I believed, and still believe, it is in the best interest of the large majority of the community of Hongkong that this change should be made. I fear, however, that any change by which either enlargement or curtailment of the rights of trial by jury should be effected in the law is one of such vital importance, and affects a principle which is considered by British citizens as of such importance that it should not be introduced unless there is an undoubted majority in favour of it. It is based upon no ephemeral cause and upon no popular phase of the feeling of the moment or of the day. If those who oppose this motion can show that they have any considerable portion of the community who think with them, it will be open to us to consider what course should be taken.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—If the object of this Bill had been to reduce the number of cases in which special juries can be requisitioned, a good reason for that would have at once suggested itself in the smallness of the special jury list. That might reasonably have been used as an argument to justify the law of this Colony.

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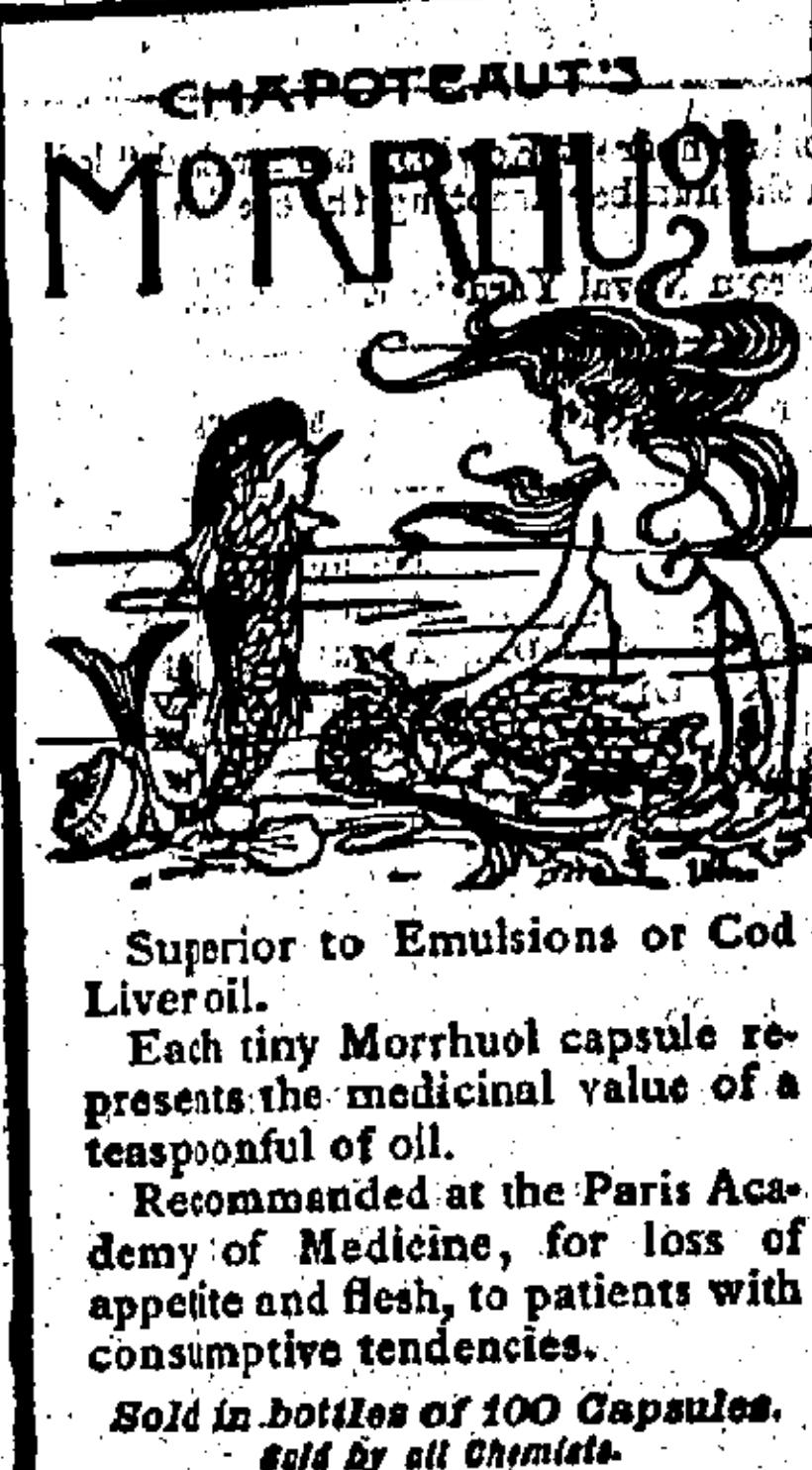
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which is now introduced with a view of protecting the trade. The conditions of a publican's licence, and of the two forms of adjunct licence, appear in the Bill. The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, of 1902, is repealed, and a new scale of fees is set out in the second schedule to this Bill. Section 8 of the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, which enacts that the expenses of advertising applications for licences should be paid by the applicant is repealed. The applicant is required to pay for the advertisements by section 13 of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY recorded.

HIS EXCELLENCE—Gentlemen, the Bill before the Council abolishes the existing method of granting licences for publicans and for adjunct licences, and it substitutes for it a Licensing Board consisting of seven Justices partly elected and partly nominated, and with a considerable unofficial majority. The object of this Bill has been stated by the hon. the Attorney-General, it appears in the minute at the foot of the Bill and it was dealt with at greater length in a paper which was laid before this Council at our last meeting. Its object is that a body may be instituted who may have a permanent policy—a policy which can be carried into operation by successive instalments, if so desired, all making for a definite objective. This Bill is in substitution for a Bill which has been before the Council for some considerable time. In that Bill the permanent body proposed was the Governor-in-Council, but that proposal I understand was not acceptable, and, therefore, the present Bill has been substituted for it. The object which we have in view in establishing a permanent board is twofold. On the one hand it is desired to secure to the taxpayers of this Colony the monopoly value of the publicans' and adjunct licences and, to prevent that public asset being claimed as a right by the holders of the licence by declaring, for instance, a period at which any or all may be terminated without compensation. In the second place it is desired by this method to facilitate public house reform. For instance, if it should be feasible to place some or all of the public houses under a trust company whose profits would be limited and any profits from the business in excess of those should be devoted to the improvement of the public house, that the manager should be placed on a fixed salary so that he should have no personal interest in promoting the sale of liquor. These, however, are only possible projects for the future and do not arise at present. The object of the Bill is to create a permanent board to deal with the question of licensing. The present system by which licences are issued by the general body of the Justices of the Peace cannot be said to have worked very well in the past. I find that 176 Justices of the Peace in the last ten years have never attended. The total number of Justices of the Peace is 239. The attendances in the last ten years number 117, which gives an average of half an attendance a year, or, in other words, one attendance in every two years. The other provisions of the Bill have already been touched upon by my hon. friend the Attorney-General. Adjunct licences it is proposed to divide into two classes, one for hotel-keepers and one for restaurant-keepers. Various restrictions are placed upon them which partly appear in the body of the Bill and partly in the forms attached, and it is hoped by these restrictions that the abuses which are alleged to have existed under the present system will be abolished. Wholesale and grocer's licences also will be abolished, and a dealer's licence will be substituted prohibiting sales by commission in order to protect the interests of licencees. The right to appeal against the decision of the Licensing Board is also included in the Bill. Appeal on behalf of the applicant and on behalf of the residents in the district, to the Governor-in-Council. The resolution which has remained on the agenda of the Council for some considerable time past, has now been withdrawn and is re-incorporated as a second schedule to this Bill. You will find from it that the fees in certain instances have been decreased. It is proposed that those who have already taken out licences under the existing regulations shall have the option of exchanging them for licences under the new Bill if they should desire to do so; of course, coming under the restrictions which that Bill imposes.

HON. MR. STEWART—As a member for the Justices, I feel called upon to give an opinion on the principle of this Bill. To the Bill which it supercedes I was strongly opposed. Your Excellency may remember that at an interview granted to the Unofficial Members at Government House, in the summer, I expressed myself in that sense. That Bill proposed to take the licensing out of the hands of the Justices. This Bill proposes instead to concentrate the power at present rather loosely exercised by them. The only question raised is whether these powers are best exercised as at present, or whether they are more likely to be effectively exercised when concentrated in a Board. The present system is quite unsatisfactory. Under it few Justices attend the meetings called as your Excellency's figures prove. Sometimes the suggestion is made that this shows lack of public spirit. I deny that in my own case. The reason why I attend so seldom is because the meetings are called at an inconvenient place and at a most inconvenient time. This puts an unwarranted strain upon public spirit. Most of the local Justices are men busily engaged in the business quarter of the town. If meetings had been usually called for 5 o'clock instead of 2.15, and in the City Hall instead of at the Magistracy, I think there are others besides myself who would have attended regularly. Thus the main

defect alleged against the old system is no necessary part of it. It could have been remedied at any time if the Police Magistrate had been anxious to encourage attendance. But there was no pressing reason for trying to remedy it so long as such a small quorum was held to be sufficient. The smallness of the quorum is the real defect in the present system. This was to be remedied, I understand, in the present Bill. It has not been. A quorum of three is proposed. To my mind that threatens the object in view. I would not have less than five. It may be urged that if you left the present system otherwise unchanged, and made a quorum of, say, seven, the object of the Bill would be served, but I think that members of a board would be more likely to exhibit keenness than a chance lot of Justices haphazardly come together, and I agree that it would be better fitted to pursue a settled policy. Therefore, I am in favour of the principle of a Licensing Board. How the Justices are to be elected, and for how long, and who will act as Secretary, these and sundry other details do not yet seem clear, but these are all matters properly to be dealt with in the Committee stage of the Bill. I agree to the principle and shall accordingly vote for the second reading.

The motion was agreed to.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 2,

HON. MR. OSBORNE asked—Why are confectioners allowed to sell intoxicating liquor?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—it is a term that occurs in the principal Ordinance, restaurant or confectioner.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—they are allowed to sell liquor at Home.

HON. MR. STEWART—they are at Home?

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—Yes. There is a shop in Regent Street.

HON. MR. STEWART—The sweets are merely put in the window.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—in the principal Ordinance an adjunct licence is defined as meaning a licence to hotelkeepers, restaurateurs, and confectioners. That Act is based on the Home Act. There might be a shop like Weismann's started. That is a confectioner really, but it has started in the luncheon business.

HON. MR. STEWART—they are given an adjunct licence because they sell meals there.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—but their principal business is confectionery. It does not make any difference what you call them.

HON. MR. STEWART—Supposing a man sold only sweetmeats?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Then he could not get a licence.

HON. MR. STEWART—Then why put the word confectioner in?

HON. MR. OSBORNE—A person could not take a meal off sweets.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—This is only an amending Bill, and as few amendments as possible should be introduced into it. I am not prepared to say if you cut out those words you won't have to amend the principal Ordinance in some further direction.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—Cut out the words. We don't want them.

HON. MR. OSBORNE—I move that the words "or confectioner" be cut out.

HIS EXCELLENCE—it does not seem to me to matter much whether the words are in or out, because a man has not got to prove that he is a restaurant-keeper before he gets a license. I presume that license could be obtained by any applicant who conforms to the remaining conditions of the Ordinance. It does not matter whether he is a restaurant-keeper, confectioner, or bootmaker.

HON. MR. HEWETT—in a confectioner's shop you may see a man taking a slice of cake and a glass of liquor.

HON. MR. STEWART—we don't want to encourage that.

The words mentioned were deleted.

On section 9.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed the following amendment—"All applications for the granting or transfer of licences shall be made to a board of licensing Justices, which board shall consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointed by the Government and five other Justices, two of whom shall be appointed by the Government and three elected by the Justices of the Peace from among their number. Of the four Justices appointed by the Government two shall be official and two shall be unofficial Justices. The members of the Board shall hold office for three years. Three Justices shall form a quorum. The first clerk at the Magistracy shall be ex-officio secretary to the Board."

HON. DR. HO KAI—That is to say that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are the nominees of the Government?

HIS EXCELLENCE—Yes.

HON. MR. STEWART moved that five should form a quorum, instead of three as proposed.

HON. MR. OSBORNE seconded, and the amendment was accepted.

HON. MR. OSBORNE asked if the meeting place would be decided by the Just

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Friday, 17th December—Auction of German ss. "Flame," at Cebu by Sander, Weiler &amp; Co.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. *Prince Sigismund* left Manila on the 8th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 6 p.m.The E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 2nd instant, for Timor, Manila and this port.THE INDIAN MAIL. The Apur str. *Gregory Apur* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here to-morrow.The Indo-China str. *Kutsing* left Calcutta for this port via the Shuats on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.THE AMERICAN MAIL. The T.K.K. str. *Manishu Maru* from South American ports is due to arrive here to-morrow.The P.M. str. *China* sails from Yokohama en route to Hongkong on the 6th instant. She is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 15th inst.THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. *Buelow*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 17th ult., left Colombo on the 5th inst., morning, and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.MERCHANT STEAMERS. The N.Y.K. str. *Yedoro Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 17th ult., and is expected here to-day.The C.N.C. str. *Tjipura* left Macassar for this port on the 1st inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day p.m.The C.N.C. str. *Hochou* left Tientsin on the 4th inst., and is due here to-day.The H.A. Linie str. *Scandia* left Singapore on the 7th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.The str. *Katina* left Singapore on the 7th instant afternoon, and is due here on or about the 13th instant morning.The N.Y.K. str. *Ceylon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 28th ult., and is expected here on the 19th inst.The Danish str. *Siam* left Port Said on the 21st ult., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

## COMMERCIAL.

## EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 9th.

ON LONDON—

Telegraphic Transfer, 1/9.

Bank Bills, on demand, 1/9.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 1/9.

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 1/9.

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 1/9.

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand, 222.

Credits, at 4 months' sight, 226.

ON GERMANY—

On demand, 180.

ON NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, on demand, 43.

Credits, at 60 days' sight, 44.

ON HAMBURG—

Telegraphic Transfer, 130.

Bank, on demand, 131.

ON CALCUTTA—

Telegraphic Transfer, 130.

Bank, on demand, 131.

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, at sight, 74.

Private, 30 days' sight, 75.

ON YOKOHAMA—On demand, 86.

ON MANILA—On demand, Pesos 86.

ON SINGAPORE—On demand, 74.

ON BATAVIA—On demand, 106.

ON HAIKONG—On demand, 73.

ON SAIGON—On demand, 73.

ON BANGKOK—On demand, 87.

SQUARETON'S Bank's Buying Rate, \$11.35.

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael, \$59.15.

BAE SILVER, per oz., 234.

## SUBSIDARY COINS.

Quotations are:

Chinese, 20 cents pieces, per cent, 85.96 discount.

Chinese, 10, 86.48.

Hongkong, 20, 85.74.

Hongkong, 10, 85.96.

## OPIUM.

December 7th.

Malwa New, \$1,300/1,350 per picul.

Malwa Old, \$1,350/1,400.

Malwa V. Old, \$1,440/1,480.

Persian fine quality, \$1,100/1,200.

Persian extra fine, \$1,250/1,300.

Pata New, \$1,445 per chest.

Pata Old, \$1,435.

Borneo New, \$1,470.

Borneo Old, ".

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 6th.

Kowloon Dock, H.M.S. *Vigil*, H.M.S.Frigate, H.M.S. *Tola*, H.M.P.M.S. *Eamha*.

Amelia, Hilary, Lekin, Protector, J. Diederichsen.

TAIKOO DOCK—Linen, Siberia.

## THE CIGARETTES OF DISTINCTION

Bouton Rouge  
and FeluccaA LUXURY TO  
THE MAN  
OF TASTE.IN 50'S & 100'S  
HERMETICALLY SEALED BOXESAT \$4.20 AND \$2.80 PER 100  
FROM ALL TOBACCONISTS.

## INSURANCES

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE  
OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO.TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1908  
\$19,121,310.

I. Authorised Capital ... \$6,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ... 3,275,000  
Paid-in Capital ..... 1,212,500 0 0  
II. Fire Funds ..... 3,204,753 7 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS

against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.

Agents

Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [308]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

## FROM EUROPE.

## THE H.A.L. Steamship

**"SITHONIA,"**  
Captain Bremer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1487]

S.S. "POLYNESIA,"  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

**C**ONSIGNEES of Cargo from London in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 1 P.M. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 13th inst., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on the 15th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPFORTIN,  
Agent

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [2]

## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, VIA COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of